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## Welcome Services Events

Saturday, September 28

## ESO Supernova Planetarium

Join us at the astronomy center [ESO Supernova Planetarium](#) in Garching for an unforgettable experience that will leave you in awe of the universe we live in. The most abstract and distant topics in astronomy and physics are explained and visualized in an innovative way.

The show is displayed on a 360-degree dome and provides a unique experience that allows you to fly to the stars and even to the edge of the universe. Together with our guide, we will explore the planetarium and learn more about the Big Bang, stardust, and black holes.

**Meeting Place:** ESO Supernova Planetarium & Visitor Centre, Karl-Schwarzschild-Straße 2, 85748 Garching

**Time:** 12:10 p.m.

**Price:** Free

**Registration deadline:** September 20, 2019

To register, please send an e-mail to [wih-welcome@zv.tum.de](mailto:wih-welcome@zv.tum.de).



## Events in Munich

Saturday, September 7

## Holi Festival of Colors

Originally from India, the [Holi Festival of Colors](#) has become a booming sensation all over the world. Following Europe's first Berlin Holi Festival in 2012, there is also no end in sight here. Visitors frequently comment on indescribable feelings of colorfulness, elevation, and happiness whilst attending. You will receive a bag with the appropriate colored powder on-site, and will be encouraged to throw it around by the hour until your heart is content. Do not worry, the safety of this powder has been tested and proven multiple times. Be ready to listen to some inspiring music as well.

**Location:** Am Messeturm 3, 81823 München

**Public Transport:** U2 Messestadt Ost

**Time:** 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

**Price:** EUR 10 – 69 (online purchase advisable)



Saturday, September 14

## Lisar Bücherflohmarkt (Lisar Book Flea Market)

If you do not feel like purchasing new books or going to the library, visiting a book flea market might seem like just the best compromise. The [Lisar Book Flea Market](#) will be put on for the eighteenth time this year, and stands for the poetic idea of 'reading by the Isar'. By purchasing some books there – or even just attending the market – you will be making a positive contribution to the environment, as incredible amounts of paper are being used for fresh printing. You are also highly encouraged to stroll along the Isar and enjoy some of your newly acquired reading pleasures. If it rains, the market will take place one week later.

**Location:** Widenmayerstraße, 80538 München

**Public Transport:** U4/U5 Lehel, Bus 100 Reitmorstraße/Sammlung Schack

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Price:** Free



Sunday, September 22

## Trachten- und Schützenzug (Costume and Riflemen's Procession)

Before Munich's mayor opens the Oktoberfest with the famous phrase 'O'zapft is!', another esteemed tradition takes place in the heart of the city: The colorful [Costume and Riflemen's Procession](#) is a delightful parade that showcases the variety of traditional Bavarian costumes, whose design and popularity has really picked up over the last several years. An ongoing, annual parade since 1950, you can also marvel at historical rifle clubs and marching bands presenting their forte, thus experiencing more than just people being dressed prettily. Around 9,000 participants will be starting out at the Maximilianstraße, and then making their way through the city.

**Location:** Start at Maximilianstraße, later throughout the city

**Public Transport:** Tram 21 Kammerspiele, U4 Lehel, S-Bahn Isartor

**Time:** From 10 a.m.

**Price:** Free



Wednesday, September 25

## Lunch / Afternoon Tea / Dinner in the Sky

Food forms such a central part of our lives that it is quite common to try and mix up the experience. From cooking with different ingredients to testing out new restaurants, there seems to be an almost endless amount of options to do so. A change in altitude, however, is something that barely crosses people's minds. But why not try having, for example, [Dinner in the Sky](#)? The idea of consuming a meal or afternoon tea at an altitude of 50 meters with your feet dangling above the ground may sound daunting – and wonderful at the same time! Especially if you consider the stunning views and the thrill of it all.

**Location:** Depending on event (see website)

**Time:** Depending on event (see website)

**Price:** From EUR 49



Monday, September 30

## Media Startup Night Vol. 4

Organized by Medialab Bayern and Mediaplus, a conglomeration of industry professionals and aficionados will be coming together at the [Media Startup Night](#). From pitching, to networking, to lively discussions about the direction in which the media landscape is headed – it's all happening at this startup night! Given the ever-shifting nature of social media and broadcasting as well as recent phenomena such as fake news, this also seems like an occasion to grapple with some present-day issues. Food and drinks will be served, as will a range of surprising, creative ideas that will have you thinking on your feet.

**Location:** Brienner Straße 45 a-d, 80333 München

**Public Transport:** Bus 58 Königsplatz, U2 Königsplatz

**Time:** 7 p.m. – 10 p.m.

**Price:** Free



## Events in Garching

Friday, September 6 – Sunday, September 8

## TECHFEST Munich

As a three day long hackathon that takes place at TUM's entrepreneurial center in Garching, the [TECHFEST](#) is a fully immersive opportunity to create and innovate. Not only will you have a lot of so-called 'makerspace' at your disposal, but also an array of highly functional gadgets to make your own ideas come to life. There will be support to sharpen your skills in both creation and ideation alongside several opportunities to help you meet new people who match your skills and interests. Also expect a range of high-profile partners to be on board, bringing you many interesting ideas and thought impulses to feed on.

**Location:** UnternehmerTUM GmbH, Lichtenbergstraße 6, 85748 Garching bei München

**Public Transport:** U6 Garching

**Time:** Friday 8 a.m. – Sunday 7 p.m.

**Price:** Free



Tuesday, September 10

## Soulmade BBQ

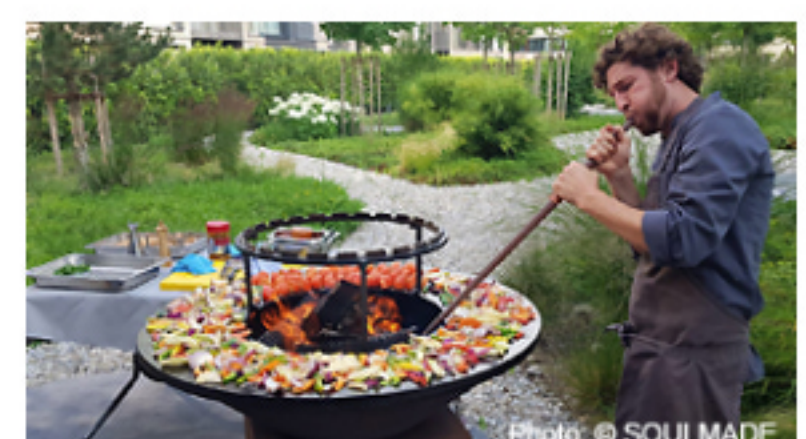
Each September, Garching's Soulmade Hotel organizes a dashing event, putting a lot of creative foods and food combinations on the grill. A way to celebrate the end of the summer months with the usually still nice Munich weather, the [Soulmade BBQ](#) is set to brighten your senses and function as an early week pick-me-up. With the backdrop of the architecturally beautiful hotel, you are in for an even richer experience, as you enjoy the evening with your family and friends in this fully wooden and relatively environmentally friendly setting. Options for vegetarians and vegans as well as dessert will also be served.

**Location:** Soulmade, Mühlfeldweg 46, 85748 Garching bei München

**Public Transport:** U6 Garching

**Time:** 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

**Price:** EUR 29.50 and children under the age of 12: EUR 14.50





Saturday, September 21

### My Fair Lady Musical

American composer Frederick Loewe's musical [My Fair Lady](#) is about a girl who has to change her accent in order to pass as a lady. It has received notable critical acclaim. Paired with lavish costumes and a hefty dose of humor and wit, this Munich version of the play is a chillingly current comment on society's dreams of climbing up the social ladder. Supported by the Free State Orchestra of Bavaria (Freies Landesorchester Bayern), the musical journey is one of history, of many layers, and one that is rooted in a strong sense of the local. Please note that discounted tickets and special prices for pupils will also be available.

**Location:** Bürgerhaus Garching, Bürgerplatz 9, 85748 Garching bei München

**Public Transport:** U6 Garching

**Time:** 8 p.m.

**Price:** Regular from EUR 23, discounted from EUR 18.40, pupils from EUR 11.50



## Events in Freising

Wednesday, September 4 – Saturday, September 7

### Art Exhibition: Begegnung – Freundschaft – Kunst (Encounter – Friendship – Art)

The art of Marian Kretschmer confronts the reality of finding reflections of ourselves in others. These encounters prompt a form of transcendence, which he expresses through his paintings. Together with Marafiki wa Afrika e.V., he has put together a photo exhibition on these questions. The artworks of [Begegnung – Freundschaft – Kunst](#) can be visited daily in the library of Freising during its opening hours.

**Location:** Stadtbibliothek Freising, Weizengasse 3, 85354 Freising

**Public Transport:** Regionalbus 651 Freising, Untere Hauptstraße

**Time:** Tuesday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Price:** Free



Friday, September 6 – Sunday, September 15

### Volksfest Freising (Freising Folk Festival)

Between September 6 and 15, you will have the chance to experience a smaller version of the Oktoberfest when visiting the [Volksfest Freising](#). Despite only having one tent, there are still fifty different food stalls and attractions to enjoy, meaning you can get the best of both worlds. This year, this popular celebration in Freising is in fact commemorating its 90th anniversary. There will also be a range of events framing the occasion, such as sports, music, and dance. Please note that this is a completely family friendly event, and highly recommended if you want to escape the hustle and bustle of the Munich original.

**Location:** Luitpoldstraße 1, 85356 Freising

**Public Transport:** Regionalbus 622 Freising, Korbinianbrücke

**Time:** 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**Price:** Entrance is free



Friday, September 20

### Global Dinner

An internationally designed meal that will have you discussing issues of global importance, the [Global Dinner](#) sees itself as both a critical and a culinary experiment. Serving scrumptious ingredients from different corners of the world, such as quinoa, passionfruit, and chickpeas, you are invited to ponder some of the central questions of our time. These range from matters of global inequality, industrialization and the strong sense of scarcity in developing countries. An equally diverse audience would obviously be an enrichment to the dinner, and enhance the experience for everybody, so please do attend. A three course menu will be served that evening.

**Location:** vhs-Raum 104, Kammergasse 12, 85354 Freising

**Public Transport:** Regionalbus 650 Freising, Kammergasse

**Time:** 7:30 p.m. – 10 p.m.

**Price:** EUR 15



## Notes

### Typically Munich: Oktoberfest History and Traditions

With the Oktoberfest just around the corner, it is worth knowing a thing or two about its history and most prevalent traditions. The wedding between crown prince Ludwig and his beloved Therese which took place on October 12, 1810, was initially finalized with a horse race in the very same place as today – the Theresienwiese which means 'Therese's meadow' –, and started getting bigger as well as more elaborate with every passing year. In order to get a better insight into what these early days at the Oktoberfest were like, we recommend you a visit to the [Oide Wiesen](#), which shows how calm and nostalgic the celebrations used to be. Despite not taking place for several years due to wars and epidemics, the Oktoberfest tradition has indeed persevered until today.

One of the most prevalent traditions is that the mayor is the first to tap the beer, and then exclaims "O'zapft is", which means that the beer is ready to be drawn from the keg. It always happens in the rather colorful Schottenhamel tent, which is quite popular with Munich's youth and should also not be missed due to the special nature of this event. But you should be there rather early if you want to see the tapping live. As soon as the tent is packed with regular visitors as well as the very important guests, it will be closed.

It is advisable to be informed about the six traditional breweries that supply the Oktoberfest with their beer, most of which have one of the tents named after them. They are spread out all across the world, either at miniature imitations of the Oktoberfest or restaurants inspired by Munich's brewery traditions, with Hofbräu being the most popular one.

Apart from this key background information, there are several tricks that will make your stay at the Oktoberfest a more pleasant one. There are specific days and times dedicated to the international crowd and Tuesday is family day. You can be sure to have more of a family-friendly atmosphere as well as additional peace and quiet between noon and 6 pm. The best way to get there is via public transport, and you should definitely be careful about not taking any kinds of spray bottles or glass flasks with you, which will likely be confiscated by the security guards positioned at the entrance. Furthermore, it is worth your while to [do some research into the different tents](#) alongside the times at which they tend to get full, thus making sure that you are able to tailor your visit according to your preferences and expectations.



Sources for this feature: [Oktoberfest Traditions](#) and [7 Tipps & Tricks rund um das Münchner Oktoberfest](#)

### Accommodation Service

If you are planning to leave Munich in a while and are staying in a private accommodation that could possibly be rented out again to other international guests, please send an [e-mail to the TUM Accommodation Center](#).

The team of TUM International Center wishes everyone leaving a good continuation of your research and hope to welcome you back here someday.

### TUM Research Alumni Network

Before leaving Munich, do not forget to join the [TUM Research Alumni Network](#). In this way, you will remain part of the international academic community of the Technical University of Munich. Also, do not miss to join the [TUM Research Alumni Gallery](#) and thus show your enduring affiliation to our institution.

### Mentoring for Scientists

The [Mentoring for Scientists program](#) is designed for [international Research Alumni](#) and current guest scientists of TUM. It supports PhD students and post-docs in research and research-related matters. If you want to share your knowledge or learn from experienced colleagues, you can either apply for a mentor or a mentee during your stay at TUM.

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